



Skyline K-8

November 9, 2017



Principal's Corner

Skyline Families,

Thanks to all of you who made it to conferences. We had great attendance this year which shows the support our students are getting for their schooling. This is awesome. I hope you were able to get a clear picture of your child(ren)'s academic progress and what you can do at home to support their learning. If you continue to have questions about your child(ren)'s learning, please do not hesitate to reach out to the teacher or me. There is no school on November 22, 2017 as it is a comp day for staff for working evening conferences.

Thank you to Jennifer Ingraham for overseeing the Scholastic Book Fair and to all parent volunteers who helped out. Thank you to Diana Dienger for your help with the cookie dough fundraiser and Clarissa Kearns for your help with the costume fundraiser. YOU ROCK!

Our next IB Assembly/Family Group Activity will be on November 21. More details to come soon from Mrs. Gervais and me.

Thanks so much!

Have a great weekend!

All the best!

BG Aguirre



Upcoming Events

November 10

School Holiday

November 16

PTA Foundation Meeting-
6 pm

November 17

Auction Meeting- 9 am

November 22

No School- Thanksgiving
Break Nov. 22 – 24



In the Spotlight!

A HUGE thank you to Michelle Ruppelt and Susan Heffernan for coordinating and setting up the staff lunch. Skyline teachers and staff appreciate all the wonderful food and support from our families and PTA.



Drinking Faucets

The District has great news! The water tests for Skyline have been completed. The test results show that the quality of the water coming from the drinking faucets is now better than the EPA recommendations for schools. Therefore, the district has now turned the drinking faucets back on at your school. Here is a link that shows the most recent testing data where all the Skyline drinking faucets are below the action levels for lead and copper. <https://www.pps.net/cms/lib/OR01913224/Centricity/Domain/55/initial%20draw%20sample%20data%20-%20Skyline.pdf>

Counselor's Corner

Thank you to all the families who showed up to support their student's learning during conferences. When students see parents engage with the school, they understand that we are a team for their growth and development. During the month of November, Skyline will be highlighting the IB learner profile trait Inquirer. Helping students become enquirers involves nurturing their curiosity and helping them develop a love of learning. Guidance lessons this month will focus on helping kids develop a growth mindset about their learning. Carol Dweck, author of *Mindset, the New Psychology of Success*, explains mindset:

“In a fixed mindset students believe their basic abilities, their intelligence, their talents, are just fixed traits. They have a certain amount and that's that, and then their goal becomes to look smart all the time and never look dumb. In a growth mindset students understand that their talents and abilities can be developed through effort, good teaching and persistence. They don't necessarily think everyone's the same or anyone can be Einstein, but they believe everyone can get smarter if they work at it.”

You can help your student develop a growth mindset by focusing on the learning process rather than the outcome, encouraging them to take ownership of their learning, and helping them recognize the connection between the effort they put into things and the amount of learning that results.

Thank you and have a wonderful week,
Amy Gervais
School Counselor



Backpack Program

We were in the pantry and noticed that we could use more peanut butter, jelly, individually wrapped chips, granola bars, and soup (Chicken Noodle, Vegetable, Chicken & Rice, etc.- not just broth). When buying items, please keep in mind that it is often little children carrying these items. While bulk is great for families, it is impossible for kids to carry.

Thanks,
Tanya Smith and Karina Ganz

Refugee Adjustment Day- November 18

Please share with your communities that the 2017 Refugee Adjustment Day will be on November 18, 2017 from 9 AM to 3 PM at Catholic Charities, 2740 SE Powell Blvd, Portland, OR. The Refugee Adjustment Day provides a free legal clinic for refugees who have lived in the United States for one year or more to apply and adjust to legal permanent resident status.

For more information, please see this [flyer](#).

Antonio Lopez, Assistant Superintendent, Office of School Performance

Building Reading Fluency

Be sure to see the attached information regarding building reading fluency with your child at home. There are some great tips on helping your child succeed in reading.

PTA Connection

Message from PTA President:

First and foremost I want to thank each and every family for supporting your child's learning in some small way:

- visiting their child's classroom
- talking to their child's teacher
- helping with a PTA event/school event
- making phone calls or sending emails to their child's teacher/parent/staff member
- connecting with a new parent/family
- taking the lead on a committee
- getting your kids out the door on time for the bus
- making sure your child(ren) have lunch or lunch money
- taking time to talk about your child's day with them

Whatever you are doing, keep on doing it! You are amazing, you are an example for your child(ren), YOU make a difference in their life. So remember when you're at your wit's end because your child hasn't gotten their shoes on, or has to run back inside for that book or is having a 5:00 meltdown, it's okay! We are ALL dealing with the same thing and doing our best. Even when we think we are at our worst, it's the BEST to our kids. When we are present, asking questions, connecting with the school, connecting with other families that is what makes us amazing parents. So pat yourself on the back for being awesome!

PTA Meeting ~ Thursday, November 16th 6:00pm

FREE CHILDCARE

Our next PTA meeting is upon us already. [Our next meeting is this coming Thursday, November 16th at 6:00pm.](#) Some topics that will be discussed include:

- Chromebook proposal **vote needed
- New Family Engagement Night
- Giving Tree
- Holiday Pop-Up Shops
- Reflections Art Program

You can find a full agenda on our [PTA Website](#) as well as minutes from last month's meeting. As always, childcare is free, we do ask you RSVP with the number of children so we can plan accordingly. Kids will have a pizza dinner. Light refreshments available for adult attendees. You can email Cosette at skylineschoolpta@gmail.com or Chris at csugura@pps.netto confirm childcare.

Foundation meetings will no longer be held after PTA meetings. Foundation Board will share details on the next meeting date.

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Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair may have left Skyline, but you still have an opportunity to shop! You can shop online and books will be delivered to the school for your child. The online fair has a great selection and will be open until November 15. Here is the [link](#) to the online book fair.

Skyline T-Shirt Sale

SKYLINE T-SHIRT SALE is happening now, click link below to go to our new Web Store:

<https://stores.inksoft.com/skyline>

Order now before it's too late as this is the only time you can order your gear for this school year. The web store accepts PayPal payments with major credit cards. Please place your orders before Nov 19th. Expected delivery around Dec 5th to your child's classroom.

This year, we are excited to offer two color choices for t-shirts, blue or black for adults, and blue or gray for youth. And we are even more excited to offer new men's polo shirts, youth t-shirts & hoodies that are made

with moisture wicking fabric for breathability and performance. Zip-up hoodies continue to be available for adults and ladies in a more fitted cut and lighter weight than last year.

Please email susan@tjipto.com for any questions.

Thank you for supporting Skyline PTA!!

Piccolo Mondo Toys

Skyline School Holiday Shopping Fundraiser

Who doesn't love shopping for great toys? Please join us at Piccolo Mondo Toys, a locally owned toy store for a holiday school fundraiser.

DATES: Sunday November 12th-Friday November 17th 2017

TIME: 9:30am-7:00pm

WHAT: 15% of your total purchase amount will be donated to Skyline

WHERE: Piccolo Mondo Toys in Bethany Village, [4768 NW Bethany Blvd. Portland, OR](#)

- If you would like to get some ideas, visit their website at www.piccolomondotoys.com.
- Family and friends who are unable to attend the event can also call in orders during the week at 866-578-TOYS.
- Piccolo Mondo normally tracks and gives a \$10 reward for every \$200 purchase to their customers; but on this week all customer credit goes toward Skyline.
- Due to the 15% donation, coupons and special prices/offers will not be accepted during this event. Please come support our school and a locally owned family business!

(Piccolo Mondo asked me to use their specific text. I want to add that their staff is really fantastic and always has great gift suggestions. And they gift wrap for FREE!! No flyer needed to shop -- they will ask at checkout if you are supporting a school)



Holiday Pop-Up Shops- Saturday, December 2

We are so happy to host our 2nd annual Holiday Pop-Up Shops Saturday, December 2nd. We currently have 18 vendors ready to join our fabulous event and would love to add more to the day.

If YOU or someone you know has anything they'd like to sell at the event, please complete the Vendor Form and payment to ensure we have a spot reserved for you. Vendor fees and raffle ticket sales go directly toward providing fresh food for our in-house Food Backpack Program.

We have wonderful vendors selling: wine, hot sauce, soap, handmade cards, photos, women's clothing & accessories, honey & beeswax candles, handmade jewelry, beauty products and more! Save the date and join us for all your holiday shopping needs!

Vendor information can be found here to register: <https://goo.gl/forms/qVWrtcpNXp7CsxM62>

The vendor fee is \$20 + a donated item for our raffle if you are able to. The fee and money raised from our raffle go toward supporting our in-house Food Backpack Program. Please share this information with friends if they are interested in joining. You can learn more about our event last year here:

<https://skylineschoolpta.com/vendors/>

Poinsettias for Sale

Skyline 8th graders are selling poinsettias. Look for an order form to come home with your child this week. Poinsettias are available in 3 different colors, red, white and pink and in large and smaller sizes. Pictures of the plants can be found at www.newleafgreenhouse.com.

If you are interested in purchasing poinsettias for the holiday season, please return the order form to the office by Wednesday, November 15. Flowers will be available for pick up at the school on November 29.

Vacation Home Raffle

The 8th graders are selling raffle tickets to a week at Seventh Mountain Resort in Bend, June 8-15. Tickets are \$20 each, and there are limited 900 tickets available. To purchase tickets, see your favorite 8th grade student or contact Nicole Fravel (nfravel@comcast.net) who will put you in touch with a student selling tickets. For more information about the vacation home, visit <https://skyline8thgraderaffle.weebly.com/>

Real Estate Kickback

Just like our family night out events, we have a local Real Estate Agent that is also a parent at our school that offers a kickback to our PTA with each house sale. For every family who buys or sells a home with Kristin Rader OR refers her to a family, friends or colleagues who work with Kristin, \$100 is donated to the Skyline PTA when the sale closes. Please contact Kristin Rader with any questions.

kristin@kristinrader.com

Fred Meyer Rewards ~ FREE MONEY

This is another installment of, "How Can We Earn Free Money?" **How many of you shop at Fred Meyer?**

If you shop at Fred Meyer I'm sure you're all getting your gas reward points + quarterly coupon, am I right? Well, guess what, what if I told you, you could keep ALL those awesome benefits and ALSO give back to our school?!!?!? We currently have 8 families signed up for Fred Meyer Rewards....8! Seriously! I almost don't want to say that out loud, I think saying we have no families signed up because they didn't know about it would be better! So, how can you make magic happen? You're going to go to:

<https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4>

Sign-in if you already have an account, or create one (I promise this will be the only time you'll have to do this). Once prompted, you'll enter our group # **94079** and BAM, you're done! Every time you shop + scan your rewards card, you'll not only earn gas rewards + bonus points for yourself but also \$\$\$\$ for our school! How easy was that?!? Okay, now go copy + paste this on your personal social media page so your friends and family can do it too!

Save the Date! Skyline Auction March 10, 2018!

Hello New Families!! Have you heard that Skyline has some of the most exciting and interesting parties? We call them Community Parties (we sell spots during our annual auction). We currently have some spots open that we would like to extend to NEW families first. This is a great opportunity for you to meet other families and make some wonderful friends. And at NO cost! That's right, a spot at our BUNCO tables for FREE! And if we can't fill the spots with new families, then we will open those to current/returning families. So, if you're new or know someone that is new and would like a spot or more info, email us. Also current families: we will start a wait list.

Building Fluency Through Repeated Reading

What is fluency?

Fluency is reading words with no noticeable mental effort. It is having mastered word recognition skills to the point of overlearning. Fundamental skills are so "automatic" that they do not require conscious attention (Big Ideas in Beginning Reading website).

Fluency has three components: accuracy, rate (speed), and prosody (expression).

Fluency is not speed reading, it's automatic reading.

How can I support my student's fluency development?

One strategy is repeated reading.

What is repeated reading?

Repeated reading is reading a passage **out loud** 3-4 times (there does not appear to be a benefit to reading a passage more than 4 times).

How does repeated reading work?

Start by having your student read the story or passage out loud to you, with a focus on reading the words correctly. If your student makes a mistake, tell him/her the correct word, have him/her repeat the correct word, and then read the entire sentence over again from the beginning.

After reading the story once, start your repeated readings. Repeated readings don't have to be the same thing each time! You can mix it up using the following activities.

Choral Reading

- Pick 2-3 paragraphs from the story (or the whole story if it is short).
- Read those paragraphs together, with the adult setting an appropriate pace.
 - The pace should not be so fast that your student cannot keep up, but not so slow that your student does not benefit from the activity.
 - While reading with your student, model appropriate intonation, expression, phrasing, etc.

Echo Reading

*This is a good option for students who do not like to choral read.

- Pick 2-3 paragraphs from the story (or the whole story if it is short).
- The adult reads the first sentence, modeling appropriate intonation, expression, phrasing, etc.
- Your student then reads the same sentence immediately after you have finished.
- The adult will begin the next sentence and carry on in this manner until the 2-3 paragraphs are complete.

Slide and Glide with Phrases

- Pick 2-3 paragraphs from the story (or the whole story if it is short).
- Alternate reading phrases with your student:

- Adult will read the first part of the sentence and stop at an appropriate time (e.g., at a comma or a natural break in the sentence), and your student will read the rest of the sentence.
- Try to avoid stopping in the middle of a phrase (the goal is for your student to develop expression by paying attention to the natural pauses within the story)
- The adult will begin the next sentence and carry on in this manner until the 2-3 paragraphs are complete.

Timed Reading

- Your student will read the story out loud for one minute.
- The adult will time the student, while keeping track of any words that the student misses (it's helpful to have a second copy of the story that the adult can read from).
- At the end of the minute, the adult will count up how many words the student read **correctly** in one minute (CWPM).
- After the reading, the adult tells the student how many correct words he/she read and gives feedback on any errors.
- You may choose to do a second timing, with an emphasis on increasing how many correct words are read and decreasing mistakes.
- It can be motivating to record these scores on a table or a simple bar graph, so your student can see improvement from day to day.

Quality Reading

*This is a good option for students who tend to speed read.

- Have your student read the story or a portion of the story out loud, focusing on reading with great expression.
- After the reading, have your student rate the quality of the reading.
- If you do this activity over multiple days, your student can focus on trying to improve his/her quality each day.